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Subject: Info from OPP about Dunn Vietnam Glyphosate Mission

I spoke with OPP's Zoe Emdur to gather more information about Alex Dunn's mission to Vietnam. She shared the information that she had.

- The visit is at the request of the Under Secretary of the Foreign Agricultural Service. FAS is funding the travel.
- Alex Dunn accepted the invitation and asked that Richard Keigwin and Monique Perron be part of the delegation.
- This is a three day meeting with Vietnam officials about glyphosate.
- Vietnam banned glyphosate use domestically. They have not changing or reducing tolerance levels, meaning that produce imports such as those from the United States are allowed to have glyphosate residue. And they say they are not planning on changing tolerance levels. But the Foreign Agricultural Service is being proactive in meeting with Vietnam about this issue. Other countries have banned glyphosate use and reducing tolerance levels/blocking imports have followed.
- The delegation will also contain approximately four people from USDA and a federal judge that will explain the U.S. legal system and the difference between court decisions and regulations. Staff from the Canadian and Australian embassies to Vietnam may also participate in meetings.
- EPA's focus will be on discussing reevaluation of glyphosate and other international studies that have been conducted.